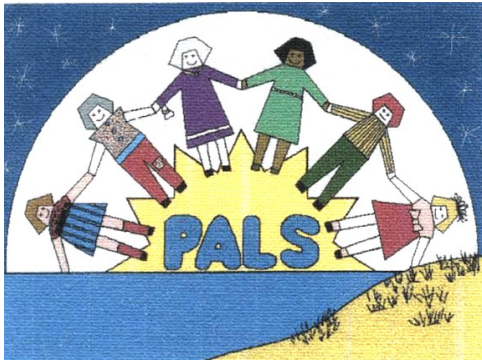




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October 2026

Upcoming PALS Quilt Guild Meetings:

October 5, 2026

November 2, 2026

Social time: 6:00 PM

Meeting time: 6:30 PM

Muskegon County Baker Campus

Marquette and Quarterline #18

2026 PALS Executive Board

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LuAnne Sloop

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Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson & Deb Taylor

Hospitality Tracy Host

Library *OPEN

Lighthouse Liaison Kay Wilton

Next Board Meeting

October 26, 2026

6 p.m., Salvation Army

1221 Shonat St.

September Newsletter Deadline

September 15, 2026

vlscott1@yahoo.com



PALS Meeting October 5th, 2026

Social Time 6:00

Meeting: 6:30



Meeting Cancellation Information

In case of inclement weather, notifications will be sent to WZZM-TV and WOOD-TV stations. If possible, an email blast will be sent to members.



Spooky Sewing at PALS!



Beware, PALS! October has arrived, and strange things are happening in sewing rooms everywhere!

Fabric stashes are mysteriously growing, bobbins are disappearing, scissors are hiding, and UFOs seem to be multiplying overnight. It can only mean one thing...

The quilting ghosts are back!  

Perhaps you've encountered:



The Fabric Witch — whispering, *"You really need just one more fat quarter."*



The Batty Bobbin — full when you start sewing and mysteriously empty five minutes later.



The Ghost of Quilts Past — haunting that unfinished project in the closet.

And, of course, the most dangerous of all...



The Seam Monster — making sure those perfectly cut pieces somehow don't fit together!

But thankfully, quilting doesn't have to be scary—especially when we do it together!

At PALS, we all have different skills and experience. Some of us tackle complicated techniques with confidence, while others are still figuring things out. **That's what makes our guild special.** We learn from one another, encourage one another, and celebrate each other's accomplishments.

Let's remember to be kind with our comments, generous with our encouragement, and willing to cheer on someone who is trying something new.

And maybe—just maybe—let's tackle one of those UFOs!

Happy Halloween, PALS! May your seams be straight, your fabric stash behave, and your quilting ghosts be friendly ones!

With quilting friendship,

Lynneta Poff

Chairperson, PALS Quilt Guild

Patchers at the Lakeshore

Resources

Kay Wilton, Kathy Preston, Joy Lamphere

October 5: Shauna Walwood, a Sallie Tomato representative will be our speaker. She will have a variety of purses and bags as part of her lecture. A class is scheduled for **November 7th**. The fun part of the class is we all will be voting on our favorite! The project will be determined by you at the break. We will announce the winner project during show and tell! There will be time for signups that night and during the month!

Donation quilt distribution is that night as well as our Breast Cancer Quilt raffle!

**Round robin exchange at this meeting*

This is a picture of a small portion of the **2026 Breast Cancer Raffle Quilt**. It is approximately 99" by 99" and is hand appliqued. Maker/Quilter and history UNKNOWN.

This beautiful quilt was given to Donation Quilts, and our Board has chosen to put it up for raffle to benefit the cancer facility at Ann Arbor, Michigan that we have helped support for many years.

Please help us raise money for this worthwhile cause. Purchase your tickets at our October 2026 meeting. The drawing will be done at that meeting. Good Luck!!



November 2: PALS University is back! 4 different presenters will inspire you! Remember Christmas is coming! Round Robin Reveal—this will be instead of the traditional Show and Tell

November 7 (Saturday): Bag class with Shauna Walwood.

December 7: Christmas Party! More on that to come!

December 11, 12, 13: PALS Winter Retreat (see additional information later in this newsletter)

Upcoming Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

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- **October 12, 2026** – Schoolhouse Learning
 - **November 9, 2026** – Phyllis Fay – “Motivate Me to use my Stash” + Tucker Trimmer Workshop on November 10
 - **December 14, 2026** – Holiday Party
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NOMINATE A PAL... OR BE THE PAL!



PALS 2027 Leadership Opportunities

Have you ever thought, “Someone should...”?

Well, maybe that someone is **YOU!** 😊

It’s time to start thinking about our **2027 Board and Committee Chair positions**, and we need YOU to help make it happen!



Nominate a Friend!

Know someone who would be great in a leadership role? **Nominate them!** Grab a friend, have a little conversation, and encourage them to consider serving our guild.



Served Before? You Can Serve Again!

I know several of you have served on the Board or chaired a committee in the past. **That doesn’t mean you’re off the hook!** 😂 If you enjoyed serving—or think you have a little more quilting wisdom to share—we’d love to have you back.



Tired of the Same Old, Same Old?

Then **be the change you want to see!** Nominate **yourself** for a position. Bring a new idea, a new perspective, or simply a willingness to help. You don't have to know everything. You just need to be willing to jump in and be part of the fun!

And remember...

Payment is negotiable.

Our current compensation package includes **fat quarters, friendship, laughter, and the occasional chocolate.** 😊🧵



Nominations will be taken at our November meeting!

Start thinking now: **Who would make a great PALS leader?**

Board Positions:

Nominations for Board positions are made each at the November general meeting with membership vote taking place at the December general meeting. Board positions are held for a minimum of one year but may be extended beyond one year by the membership vote in December.

Duties of Each Board Position & Names of Individuals in These Positions:

- **Chairperson – Lynnetta Poff**
 - General control and management of the business and affairs of the Guild
 - Prepare for and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors
 - Prepare for and lead all monthly membership meetings
 - Write an article for the Newsletter each month
- **Co-Chairperson (Vice Chairperson) – Sunny Crenshaw**
 - Perform duties as assigned by Chairperson
 - In the absence of the Chairperson, preside at Board meetings and lead monthly membership meetings.
 - Check and respond to emails received through Guild Email as needed
 - Run for office of the Chairperson for the term following their term as Co-Chairperson
- **Secretary – Jean Anthony**
 - Keep minutes of all Board of Directors meetings
 - Keep minutes of all monthly membership meetings
 - Be the custodian of corporate records
 - Keep a register of the names and contact information of all members
 - Perform all other duties assigned by the Chairperson or the Board of Directors
- **Treasurer – Paula DeLong**
 - Have charge and custody over Guild funds and securities
 - Keep accurate books and records of Guild receipts and disbursements
 - Make regular and timely deposits of Guild funds into the Guild bank account
 - Pay any invoices received by the Guild in a timely manner

- Complete all required corporate filings
- Perform all duties incident to the office and any other duties assigned by the Chairperson
- **Assistant Treasurer – Susan Baker**
 - Assist the Treasurer in the performance of the duties as outlined above
 - Run for Treasurer for the term following their term as assistant treasurer
- **Media/Newsletter Editor – Vicky Scott**
 - Compile, publish and distribute (digitally) a monthly newsletter to members.
 - Have a working knowledge of computer software and usage
 - Send out membership email blasts as necessary
- **Resources – Kay Wilton & Kathy Preston**
 - Schedule programs for the year
 - Contact and schedule Guest Speakers
 - Organize and Schedule Classes
 - Organize and schedule any special activities, such as bus trips, retreats, or guild challenges

Duties of Committee Positions & Names of Individuals in These Positions:

- **Marketing – Betty Brode**
 - Organize & price donated fabric to sell to our membership at monthly meetings
 - Organize & price any patterns, books, sewing notions to sell to our membership at monthly meetings
 - Bring a selection of said items to PALS each month to display and sell on the Marketing Table from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Historian – Sunny Crenshaw**
 - Take pictures during our meetings and post to social media
 - Document our quilt guild meetings and special events through photography and written documentation
 - Manage and schedule posts to the Guild Facebook page

- **Lighthouse Liaison – Kay Wilton**
 - Be a member of the Lighthouse Guild (Grand Haven)
 - Attend their meetings
 - Report information from our PALS (our Guild) to Lighthouse Guild
 - Report information from Lighthouse Guild to PALS
- **Hospitality – Tracy Host**
 - Responsible for setting up the refreshment area monthly
 - Being the “keeper” of the Hospitality Tote
 - Paper plates, napkins, cups & utensils are provided by the Guild
 - Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate are provided by the Guild
 - Refreshments are provided by Guild Members
 - Ensure that there are sufficient supplies in the Tote and restock as necessary
 - Make necessary purchases
 - Turn in Receipts to Treasurer for reimbursement
- **Donation Quilts – Suzette Mattson & Deb Taylor**
 - Store, organize & cut materials donated for donation quilts
 - Package and store kits made up for donation quilts
 - Store finished donation quilts to be distributed in October
 - Contact non-profit agencies that will accept donation quilts for their programs
 - The Hope Project
 - Mission for Area People—Teen Town Christmas
 - The Salvation Army
 - Muskegon Pregnancy Services
- **Library Liaison – Open Position** –Plan is to have titles viewable online, liaison would then obtain requested titles and bring to the next meeting
- **Quilt Show 2027 – Open Position**
 - Plan and organize the Guild “Threads of Friendship” Quilt Show with the help of sub-committees
 - “Threads of Friendship” Quilt Show will take place in May 2027

If interested in any of these positions, please reach out to the current person holding that position, they would love to train you to fulfill this position at the end of their term.

Location: *Quilted Memories, 9919 Business US-31, Montague, MI*

Cost: \$5

Remaining 2026 Dates:

Tuesday, October 20

Saturday, November 14

Tuesday, November 17

Tuesday December 15



Membership

LuAnne Sloop/Susan Saladin

Attendance: Attendance at the PALS September meeting was 77 members, 4 guests, 47 Lighthouse Guests

Members: 113 members on the roster

November is Membership Renewal

ATTENTION: IF you are not getting the email link to the newsletter, please go to <https://www.palsquiltguild.org/>



Don't forget to Like and Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates.



PALS is on Facebook. If you would like to follow us below are the directions. Some phones, tablets and computers may have a LIKE instead of FOLLOW. One way to see PALS Facebook group more often is if you "like" or "comment" on a post. That way Facebook knows you are interested in the group and will show it up in your feed more often.

To follow a Page:

1. Tap  magnifying glass in the top right of any page on Facebook.
2. Enter Patchers at the Lakeshore and choose our PALS group from the results.
3. Go to the Page.
4. Tap **Follow** OR **Like**

Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson, Deb Taylor

Thank you to all who have given to Donation Quilts this past year. For the month of September, we received 31 quilts at our last meeting and will be receiving 3 from Sue Webb who quilted them for us. Our total, so far, is 140. That will allow us to give 35 to each of our 4 services: Hope Project, Salvation Army, Muskegon Pregnancy Services and Mission for Area People-Teen Town Christmas group,

So far, we have had no one step up to take over Donation Quilts. If anyone can help, there would be a need for a room or basement to hold tubs (storage for the finished quilts) and smaller containers with kit fabrics plus a roll of batting stored in plastic. It MUST come out of my basement by the middle of December, at the latest. Please call/text Suzette at (586) 337-4000





PALS Winter Retreat

December 11, 12 & 13 , 2026

Location: The Christian Reformed Conference Campground is located at 12253 Lakeshore Drive, Grand Haven, 49417, just north of M45 (Lake Michigan Drive) and on the west (lake) side of the road. When you enter straight to the large Worship Center.

Hours: The doors will open at 7:00 am each day and we will be done by 3:00 pm on Sunday. Please do not arrive earlier than 9:00am on Friday as we need time to set-up. Quilters are welcome to sew until late in the evening, last person out will lock up and turn irons off.

Sewing Information: We sew in a large, open, festive space with a warm gas fireplace, natural daylight, and overhead lighting. We'll provide extension cords, 4 large cutting mats, ironing boards and irons. If you have a big cutting project, you may want to cut ahead or bring your own mat. If you want your own iron remember to bring a pressing mat. Also bring:

- Sewing machine in good working order, plus bobbins and thread. (Don't forget your machine's cord.)
- Rotary cutter and ruler(s)
- Standard sewing supplies for your project(s)
- Pillow for your chair
- A snack to share at the community table
- A flashlight as it is going to be dark when getting to your car or cottage at night.
- Name tag or badge
- Yard sale items and cash to buy some treasures

Yard Sale: You will have a chance to sell sewing or quilting related items at the yard sale. Have your items clearly marked with a price and your name. Money will be exchanged between the buyer and seller.

Food: Meals will be around 12:00 for lunch and 5:00-5:30 for dinner. Breakfast is on your own. Water will be available all day with pop at meals. You are welcome to bring your own drinks. We will have a snack table so please bring something to share.

The cabin has a full kitchen you can also use for drinks and breakfast.

There is a "No Alcohol" policy at the Conference Grounds.

Patchers at the Lakeshore Winter Retreat December 11, 12 & 13, 2026

The cost for Friday thru Sunday with 5 meals is \$100.00.
If you are staying overnight the cost is \$150.00.

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is do at the time of sign-up.

You can put a deposit down in October with the balance due at the November meeting. Or you can pay in full at the October or November meeting.

We will need the following information at sign up.

Full name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Days: _____ Overnight: _____

\$50.00 Deposit: _____

\$100.00 Total pd days: _____

\$150.00 Total pd for Overnight: _____

Emergency Name and Phone Number: _____

Allergies: _____

***Please print clearly.**

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